

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A method for determining the optimum macronutrient content of a diet for an individual companion animal, the method comprising the steps of:
 providing, over an extended and preselected period of time, to said animal different food compositions to said animal in which each composition provides an enriched source of fat, protein ~~and/or~~ carbohydrate, such that said animal can select and consume different and preferred quantities of each said food compositions in order to achieve an optimum consumption of fat, protein and carbohydrate for said animal;
 allowing said animal to consume the different and preferred quantities of fat, protein and carbohydrate from each of said compositions over the extended preselected period of time; and
 determining, from the consumed amount of fat, protein and carbohydrate from each of said compositions, a customized dietary regime that provides the optimum macronutrient content of a diet for said individual animal.
2. (Cancelled)
3. (Previously presented) The method, as claimed in claim 1, wherein the compositions which provide an enriched source of fat, protein or carbohydrate are dried, wet or semi-moist food products.
4. (Currently amended) The method, as claimed in claim 1, wherein the extended and preselected period of time which includes a learning phase of a period of 3 days, or more.

5. (Previously presented) The method, as claimed in claim 1, wherein the source of fat comprises from 50 to 75% fat on a fat:energy ratio.
6. (Previously presented) The method, as claimed in claim 1, wherein the source of protein comprises from 50 to 75% protein on a protein:energy ratio.
7. (Previously presented) The method, as claimed in claim 1, wherein the source of carbohydrate comprises from 25 to 50% carbohydrate on a carbohydrate:energy ratio.
8. (Previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the companion animal is a cat, dog, horse, fish or bird.
9. (Cancelled)
10. (Cancelled)